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Greetings from New Hampshire!

As this glorious summer begins to wind down, there is still plenty of time to enjoy and explore the scenic beauty and authentic experiences of New Hampshire. Here are some ideas:

Country Fairs & Festivals – Dozens of Old Home Days, [country fairs](#) and [festivals](#) are planned over the next several weeks throughout New Hampshire. Today's renewed interest in local foods and greater appreciation for the rural experience is reflected in the Agricultural Fairs held throughout the state. There are also two new [Agriculture Maps](#) available online: the **Taste of New Hampshire Agricultural Map** and **New Hampshire Garden Guide**.

Lakes, Beaches and Water Activities – How about spending some “quiet time” on a [lake raft](#) or [mountain trail](#)? With its many pristine lakes and idyllic ponds, New Hampshire offers water activities for everyone. And whether you join a guided tour or set out on your own with family or friends, New Hampshire offers endless opportunities to explore the outdoors on foot.

Horseback Riding – Horseback riding is a fun and enjoyable way to spend a few hours exploring the scenic beauty of New Hampshire. Whether it's a family outing or a romantic getaway, New Hampshire offers a variety of unforgettable experiences on horseback. Enjoy miles of views and wooded trails through the 5,500 acres of the [Castle in the Clouds](#) mountaintop estate. At [Farm by the River B & B](#), visitors can enjoy a stay in North Conway while taking advantage of all the town has to offer. The [Bretton Woods Stables](#) located just a few steps from the resort offers a variety of equestrian activities for all ages. And [The Balsams](#) offers a variety of horseback riding activities at their resort including horse camp at their stables.

Mills & Main Streets – Shop in our [Main Street communities](#), each with their own unique character, while enjoying back-to-school sales; or take the time to enjoy [scenic drives](#) down old country roads and experience all their charm. New Hampshire was made for road trips. From coastal roads overlooking crashing surf to mountain roadways that wind through the Northeast's highest peaks and historic routes, the Granite State's roads are undeniably scenic; and the distances between destinations is never long.

Farmers' Markets – Stop at a local farm stand or [farmers' market](#) for fresh vegetables or enjoy some family fun and [pick your own fruits](#), such as plump strawberries, blueberries and raspberries! Then, top the day off with some [homemade ice cream](#).

For other exciting New Hampshire travel ideas, go to [VisitNH.gov](#) to plan your next trip!